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Department of Education

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2016 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) will celebrate the **2016 Global Handwashing Day (GHD)** with the theme *Make Handwashing A Habit* on October 14, 2016. While habits must be developed over time, this theme emphasizes the importance of handwashing as a ritual behavior for long term sustainability. This theme taps into that interest and is also a gateway to discussing what the sector knows about how habits are formed.

2. The Celebration aims to create a global buzz about handwashing and to inspire increased investment in handwashing efforts globally as well as promote correct hygiene and sanitation practices among learners and a clean environment in and around schools to keep safe and healthy.



3. All school officials are enjoined to support the 2016 GHD through the organization of educational social activities, which encourage proper and correct health and environmental sanitation practices to safeguard against disease and infection.

4. Activities to be included are, but not limited, to the following:

- a. Conduct of seminars on water, sanitation and hygiene practices to heighten awareness on the importance of effectively preventing waterborne diseases and other sanitation health concerns;
- b. Supplementing and complementing handwashing with activities which promote healthy habits in schools;
- c. Coordinating with partners, stakeholders, and other government agencies in the conduct of activities for water, hygiene and sanitation advocacy;
- d. Highlighting the 2016 GHD celebration in all regions, divisions, and schools;
- e. Hanging of streamers in strategic places within schools and DepEd offices; and
- f. Discussion on the importance of hygiene and sanitation within the curriculum.

5. For more information, all concerned may contact the **School Health Division–Bureau of Learner Support Services (SHD-BLSS)**, Room 303, Mabini Bldg., Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no. (02) 632-9935.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 119, s. 2015

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